

Seen at Rotary...

Dave Steele holds up a brochure advertising the May 13 golf scramble to help fund youth scholarships. Both players and hole sponsors are needed.



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It was so good to have Frank Sower back with us for the Rotary meeting. Here he stands with his son John. Frank has 62 years of Perfect Attendance!



Greeter John Shasky welcomes Sherrill Smith to Rotary.



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NEIGHBORING CLUBS

Monday:	Eminence-Henry County Public Library	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday:	Lexington Sunshine-LaFayette Club	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-G'town College Ldshp Trn Cnt.	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Meth.	12:00 noon
	Versailles-At the Hospital	12:00 noon
Thursday:	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Public Library	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton.....	12:00 noon
	Louisville-Galt House	12:10 p.m.

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Next Week's Speaker...

Kyle Williams – “Youth Leadership”

Young people are at a true disadvantage when entering the professional world because of the stigma that is associated with them: “young people are not ready to work.” Employers seek individuals who have gone above and beyond and who set themselves apart from the competition. Early in my academic career I realized the importance of seeking personal growth and leadership development through community and school-based volunteerism. Over the course of middle and high school and now college I have taken part in numerous initiatives in which I have worked with groups of all ages and walks of life creating an appreciation for diversity and willingness to serve those in need.

There are many companies and organizations which are youth-centered, yet they do not seek input directly from those who know best - the youth. My work with Kentucky Child Now! has enabled me to speak out for youth in the Bluegrass and in return has helped to provide “Help, Hope, and Opportunities” to those most in need. I am currently a junior at

the University of Kentucky pursuing a degree in Community and Leadership Development with ambitions to continue working in a public or non-profit position as a catalyst for social justice. I encourage young people to find similar opportunities to serve and develop skills in communication, punctuality, and resource management - all of which are skills, which employers are seeking in job candidates.

Opening Exercise..... Bill Miller
Greeter Marcie Jeffreys

Make-ups for Apr. 8

John Avent Van Ingram
Ron Christopher David Weller

Attendance Percentage: 75%

Make-ups Needed for Apr. 15

Larry Arnett	Bob Johnston
John Avent	Sallie Lanham
Pat Badgett	William Legg
Joshua Brand	Phyllis Liebman
Chris Broaddus	Ann Maenza
RB Brown	Jason Middleton
David Cobb	John Norfleet
Betty Creek	Wayne Onkst
Gary Crumbaugh	Chip Peal
Charles Dickinson	Phillip Shepherd
Gregory Fuchs	Kyle Thompson
Sarah Gowins	Richard Watkins
Jim Graves	David Weller
Christina Harrison	Kent Whitworth
Van Ingram	

This Week's Speaker...

The speaker for the day was Colmon Elridge, Executive Director of Faith-Based Initiatives for Governor Steve Beshear. He stated that he joined the administration in November 2007 and was told by the Governor that he could make a difference in the Commonwealth. There can be transformation by simple deeds and he tackled the question of the dropout rate

among today's youth. Historically, the dropout problem had been accusatory in nature with the youths themselves, parents, and teachers sharing the blame. However, we do need a community conversation to address this issue. Research has discovered that the number one reason for kids dropping out has nothing to do with the schools themselves, but is instead related to the home environment. It is essential for community leaders to come together to talk about these issues and find ways to solve these problems. Colmon stated that education at Transylvania University was his saving grace. College affordability is an issue here and education has always been a transforming piece of his life. In answer to the question, “What do we need?”, the answer is “you”. You as a Rotarian are needed to facilitate this discussion, and an initiative has been created for this purpose known as “Graduate Kentucky”. He is working with the first comprehensive statewide summit where community leaders will come together in Frankfort and will in turn go back to their communities and have these discussions. He quoted the phrase in the Preamble of the United States Constitution, which is “To Form a More Perfect Union”. All citizens should aspire to be great. All they need is the opportunity. It is not just a ques-



Speaker for the day Colmon Elridge stands with program chair Mary Poling.

tion of Frankfort coming up with solutions but all communities striving to be great. As an example, he cited the Rotary Four Way Test. Is it the Truth? Yes, we have a dropout problem in Kentucky but only communities can solve this. Is it Fair to All Concerned? No, there is too much disparity in equal access to education. Will it Build Good Will and Better Friendships? Yes, this will happen anytime the community can come together. Last, Will it Be Beneficial to All Concerned? Yes, our quality of life will improve when more jobs are created and companies stay in Kentucky, which in turn contributes to better cities, counties, roads and schools. Colmon first learned to work with people in Cynthiana by Rotarians who believed in him. We simply need to invest in our children to guarantee a bright future for all Kentuckians.

**Welcome
New Member!**

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Board of Directors to Meet

The monthly Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, April 20th at 5:30 p.m. at the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, 484 Chenault Road.

Thank You, Bob Johnston!

A big thank you to Bob Johnston, who did a fantastic job facilitating our two Fireside Chats this year. He managed to make the Chats into interesting and informational discussions that will be extremely helpful in planning for next year.